Statement of liquor shops.

421. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table:—

1. a statement stating the number of (a) arrack, (b) toddy and (c) foreign liquor shops that existed in the State annually in the last 10 years, how many of them are opened in the current year, the number of temporary licenses issued yearly for opening liquor shops for short periods in the last 10 years and the percentage of shops of the above 3 classes reduced annually during the period ; and the total number of shops belonging to all the three classes opened every year in the period of the last 10 years and also in the current year ;

2. another statement containing the total annual Excise Revenue for the last 10 years ; the number of gallons of arrack, number of seers of opium and ganga consumed annually during the above period noting the percentage of increase or decrease in each case from year to year ;

3. a third statement containing the total number of trees annually tapped for fermented toddy in the last 10 years and also giving the figures separately for cocoanut, palmyra and sago, and the percentage of increase or decrease from year to year ;

4. a fourth statement containing the number of cocoanut, palmyra and sago trees tapped yearly for the last 10 years and also their total numbers per year during the 10 years referred to ; and also state whether the number of liquor shops and the number of trees tapped for fermented toddy show a gradual reduction from year to year consistent with the declared Excise Policy of gradual reduction ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—1, 2, 3 and first part of 4. Vide statements appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Second para of 4. Yes, generally.

Report of the Economic Development Committee.

422. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) who were the members of the Committee appointed by the Economic Development Committee to report upon the question of the existing conditions of tenancy, tenure and taxations ;

(b) whether the report received from this Committee will be printed and placed on the Table ;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on this report ?

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Mr. U Kandar Menon.—(a) Messrs. (1) M. Krishna Menon, (2) I. Raman Menon and (3) R. A. Gayatrinatha Ayyar.

(b) A copy of the report is placed on the Council Table.

(c) The Committee's report has only just been received.

Journals published in and outside the State.

423. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of journals published from the State, and the dates and places of their publication ;

(b) for how many copies of each of them the Government are subscribing and the total number of copies of each of them the Government are receiving ;

(c) the names of the newspapers and journals published from outside the State and which the Government are getting and for how many copies of each of them the Government are subscribing?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Vide list appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(b) Government are not subscribing for any of them ; but they are receiving two copies of each under the Press Regulation.

(c) Vide list appended. (*Appendix VI.*)

Sale of timber in the Kalavarakunnu.

424. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the growth standing in Kalavarakunnu in Palappilli was sold to one Mr. N. K. Dharmaraja Ayyar by private negotiation and why public auction was not made in this matter ;

(2) what was the estimate of the forest growth there and what was the amount realised ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Yes. Please also see the answer to question No. 201 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1104.

(2) In the conditions of the working adopted no estimate could be made. The amount realised up to 18th March 1929 is Rs. 382—7—0.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the special conditions of the working of this? No estimate is made.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In this case the whole forest growth is not to be removed. Only selected growth is to be

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